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March 2024 Club Newsletter

The next general club meeting is Tuesday March 12, 2024, at the Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380. The meeting's start time is 7:00 PM, the doors open at 6:30 PM.



From the desk of the ARC-Over editor:
Lucian KF6NPG

Greetings from sunny Mesa, Arizona. Kathy KM6VLJ and I are here to watch some Spring training baseball. Go Giants. It is hard to believe another month has passed and a busy month it was. The Spring Auction was a great success. A big thank you to all of the club members who helped to transport auction items, setup, and tear down. Also, a shout out to the Salvation Army for morning coffee and a really good sloppy joe lunch. A very big thank you to Ken KF6IDK our auction chairman, he did a fantastic job of being the auctioneer.

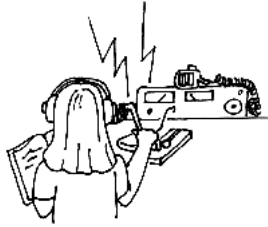
If you have not already done so, please consider renewing your club membership. Dues pay for the club activities and most importantly paying the rent and maintenance of the club repeater system. Thanks to everyone who has renewed, joined, or donated to the club.

For those interested the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring the Loomis Hamfest on March 16, 2024. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information.

Ed K7ERD has been running the club net on Tuesday's and he is always looking for other club members to assist. Thanks to Fernando W6FRD as he has been running some of the nets to help. If you are interested in running a club net, please contact Ed at a club meeting or on the net to let him know.

Please congratulate and welcome Edward Terry KO6DJZ. He was successful in taking his technician test at the last meeting.

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PREZ SEZ:

Bambi KI6YQL

A beautiful Spring-like day, the trees are blossoming, making our valley look gorgeous. Thanks to all who helped to make our auction successful. It is our main, and really our only fund-raiser of the year. Thank you to Captain Jeff and his crew for doing the lunch for us. I heard it was delicious. We added a new “ham” this month at the test session, Congratulations! We are working on being able to pay club dues online with a possible roll-out sometime this summer. Happy Leap Year! See you at the next general meeting on March 12th.



Amateur Radio Operators, or “hams,” have a long history of serving their communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, such as cell phone towers and fiber optic networks. Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet and phone systems, and a ham radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Amateurs can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® ARES® (www.arrl.org/ares) consists of hams who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. They use their training, skills, and equipment to prepare for and provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. (Courtesy of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League).

If you are interested in emergency communications and serving the community, please consider joining Merced ARES. They have a weekly radio net on Mondays on the TARC repeater at 7:00 pm. **A big thanks to Dinnie N6TLW for running the voice nets.** They meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory, 3146 G St. Merced, CA. For more information, please contact the Merced ARES Emergency Coordinator, Richard W6ABJ at info@w6bxn.org.

General Meeting Minutes
Turlock Amateur Radio Club
02/13/2024, 6:30p

Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) with 25 members and guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report

President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) entertained a motion that the minutes of the last membership meeting be accepted as published. Motion made by Lucian Thomas (KF6NPG) and seconded by Eric McMillan (K7RKU). Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Report presented by Treasurer Mike Smith (KG6VFL). Account balances, checking \$3,147.37 and CD \$5,033.60. Paid \$83.37 to PG&E for power at Mt. Bullion, \$120.00 to Crystal Communications for D-Star power sharing (previous payment of \$120.00 was returned due to ownership change).

Deposits collected: \$295 for dues payment. 49 dues paid members at this time.

Auction Report: At this year's auction, 40 Bidders competed for 342 lots of "fine merchandise". Net profit for the club was \$3,042.30. This year's auction was the club's 33rd event. Over that 33-year period, sales have totaled \$240,413.00 and net profit for the club has totaled \$42,240.00.

Membership Chairman's Report

No report

Repeater Chairman's Report

Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART), Mt. Bullion repeater operating well through recent outages - previous generator issues appear to be resolved. Upcoming projects - D-Star will be moving to the club's building, previously in another building which has been sold. Buck Rock repeater will be taken out of service as AT&T is planning to sell the building it's currently housed in. Discussion regarding possible other locations near the Buck Rock installation.

ArcOver Publisher's Report

Lucian Thomas (KF6NPG), Contributions to Arc Over due by 02/20/2024

Vice President's Report

Lucian Thomas (KF6NPG), Presentation tonight - POTA by Tim Scott (WI6NG)

Merced ARES Report

Richard Larson (W6ABJ), Testing session today - Ed Terry of Merced passed Technician licensing today, Complementary 1 year membership extended to Ed with the club's congratulations.

VEC Report

No report

Old Business

- Discussion of digital payment and club member data considerations - Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART)
 - Timeline for rollout of dues payment by credit card
 - Collecting less information regarding members - no real need for physical address anymore
 - Question regarding online posting of club roster - will likely remove, suggestion to put behind a password wall for club member access only

New Business

- W6FEJ, SK

Meeting Adjourned at 7:27 pm. Motion by Lucian Thomas (KF6NPG), second by Eric McMillan (K7RKU). Motion carried.

Eric McMillan (K7RKU), Secretary

We had a great presentation on POTA by Tim Scott WI6NG. He asked that this information be passed on to everyone. Here is a list of links that provide anyone interested in the POTA program, here you can find all the ins and outs, technical information and rules for Activators and Hunters. Thanks Tim.

links for POTA information

POTA 101

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DuxKqPMt-io>

POTA website

<https://parksontheair.com/>

POTA rules and Docs

<https://docs.pota.app/>

Logging Software

<https://hamrs.app/>

Parks on the Air® Logging Made Easy

https://docs.pota.app/docs/activator_reference/logging_made_easy.html

Parks on the Air® Hunter Guide

https://docs.pota.app/docs/hunter_guide-english.html

Video Resources

https://docs.pota.app/docs/video_resources.html

Resources and Documentation

https://docs.pota.app/docs/resources_docs.html

Events

https://docs.pota.app/docs/award_events.html

For other information you can contact me via my e-mail address on QRZ

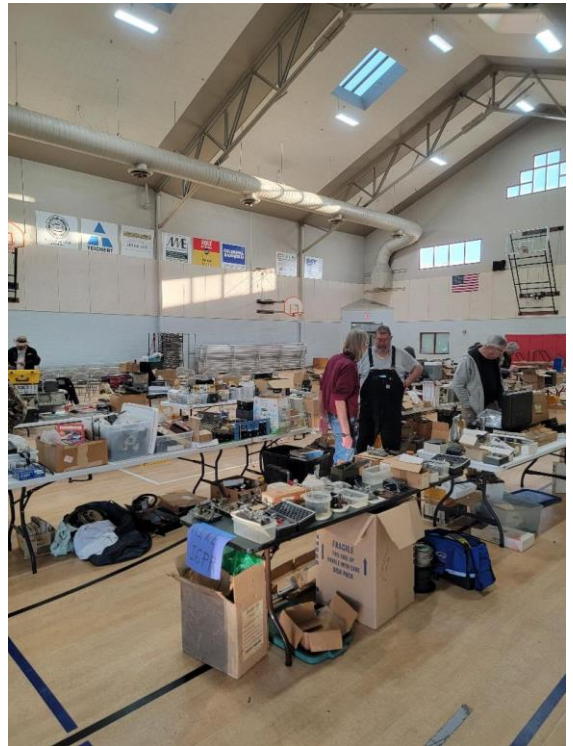
WI6NG

Tim Scott

73 and POTA ON!

AUCTION PICTURES







UPCOMING EVENTS

On Going Events

[Electronics Flea Market](#) at West Valley College in Saratoga. Once a month on the second **Sunday**.

The club will sponsor 5 amateur radio license test sessions in 2024.

February 13, 2024, April 9, 2024, June 11, 2024, August 13, 2024, and October 8, 2024.

February

2024 Spring Auction Saturday February 10, 2024, at 9:00 am, doors at 7:00 am. The auction will be at the Turlock Salvation Army 893 lander Ave. Turlock, CA.

Club meeting Tuesday February 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm. There will be a license testing session at 6:00 pm before the meeting. We will have a presentation by Tim Scott WI6NG on POTA (Parks on the Air).

March

Club meeting Tuesday March 12, 2024, at 7:00 pm. There will be a presentation on local area repeater systems by Mark N6ARP.

Loomis HamFest Saturday March 16, 2024, from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. For more information go to www.hamfest.w6ek.org . Event Flyer is located near end of the newsletter.

April

Club meeting Tuesday April 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm. There will be a license testing session at 6:00 pm before the meeting. The presentation will be on battery boxes by Eric K7RKU.

May

Club meeting Tuesday May 14, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Presentation on Go Boxes. Bring in your Go Box for show and tell.

THE FIRST HAM SWAP OF THE YEAR IS COMING!



8TH ANNUAL **LOOMIS HAMFEST**



Join the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club on March 16th, 2024!

Get your gear, grab your wallet, and get ready for a super swap.

We'll have coffee and donuts, awesome prizes,

Elmer tours, a test table, presentations, and so much more.

More information can be found @ hamfest.w6ek.org

Sellers need to bring their own tables, chairs, pop-ups, generators (no shore power available)
No equipment will be provided.

SELLERS \$10

Setup at 0600

**FREE ADMISSION
AND PARKING**

**TALK IN FREQUENCY
146.535**

When

Saturday, March 16, 2024
0700 to 1100 Hours

PRIZES

Where

Historic Loomis Train Depot
5775 Horseshoe Bar Rd, Loomis



Renogy Foldable Solar Panel, Charge Controller,
and 30ah Battery



Yaesu FT-70DR & FT-65
w/ RTSystems Software

2024 SUPPORTERS

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RADIO PROGRAMMING MADE EASY

**ALPHA
ANTENNA**

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SPECIAL THANKS TO

Aaron Bond (W1ATB),
Brian Gohl (AI6US), Gary (N6UWQ),
Jeff Morgan (KM6RGO), Smitty (WB1G),
and Tom (NN6H) for your donations.



TARC System Nets

- TARC Tuesday Night Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net - Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Section ARES Net - Sundays 7:30 PM

2024 Dues

Just a reminder, dues are now payable for 2024. Dues help with upkeep on the TARC repeater system and club events. Please include a [membership application](#) to help keep our information up to date. Thanks!

- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

Are you receiving TARC emails? If not [head over to W6BXN.org](http://w6bxn.org) and subscribe.

2024 Club Officers

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Secretary Eric McMillan K7RKU

Treasurer Mike Smith KG6VFL

Sergeant at Arms Jerry Breault KN6GJK

Member at Large/ Membership John Sims N6JCS

Member at Large Lynn Smith KM6DKF

Club Trustee Spencer Boyd KJ6ART

We are always looking for articles or items of interest for the ARC-OVER. If you have something for the newsletter, please send to info@w6bxn.org.

